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## **AURORA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

*Aurora City Hall, Council Chambers*

*Monday, August 11th, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.*

### ***I. CALL TO ORDER:***

Mayor Marks called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### ***II. PLEDGE AND PRAYER:***

Councilwoman Henderson led the council in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

### ***III. ROLL CALL: Mayor David L. Marks***

*Chairman Pro Tem Linda Barton*

*Councilman Steve Ramirez*

*Councilwoman Lisa Rentfro*

*Councilwoman Rosemary Henderson*

All council members were noted present.

### ***IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:***

*Regular Session held on July 28, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.*

Councilwoman Henderson moved to approve the minutes from the regular session held on July 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Chairman Pro Tem Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Rentfro, Henderson, marks, Ramirez, Barton

NAYES: 0

*Regular Session held on July 28, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.*

Councilwoman Rentfro moved to approve the minutes from the regular session held on July 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Pro Tem Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Rentfro, Henderson, marks, Ramirez, Barton

NAYES: 0

### ***V. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS for July/August***

Chairman Pro Tem Barton moved to approve the appropriations for July/August (including Humana and HDesign Group). Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1 with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Ramirez, Barton, Henderson, Marks

NAYES: Rentfro

### ***VI. PUBLIC COMMENT***

None

### ***VII. COUNCIL FORUM***

Chairman Pro Tem Barton asked for council input on the non-operating vehicle ordinance. This ordinance has been sent back to Planning and Zoning twice and the board doesn't know what council's expectations for change are. If any council person has a recommendation the board would like to hear it before they start deliberations.

### ***VIII. OLD BUSINESS***

*A. Discussion of limb/debris pickup*

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Mayor Marks stated the pickup was going well and would be finished by the end of the week. Chairman Pro Tem Barton stated she thought council would be discussing the matter tonight. Mayor Marks stated he had moved the matter forward to get the issue resolved. A news release was written stating there would be one fine sweep through town to clean up brush and then it would be the home owner's responsibility to take it from there. He stated council could extend the time if they wanted but he felt there was no need for an extension.

In the event of a storm, council would have the ability to vote, per occurrence, whether they wanted to pick up brush for a specified period of time.

City Manager Randall stated under the nuisance ordinance, city code would allow repeat offenders to be prosecuted if they continued to leave brush at curbside. He also stated that trash in the debris was not acceptable.

Councilwoman Henderson moved as of August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 the city will no longer pick up limbs/debris from curbside unless a storm occurs at which time council will make a determination. Councilwoman Rentfro seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Rentfro, Henderson, Barton, Ramirez, Marks

NAYES: 0

*B. Second and Final Reading of Bill No. 2014-3010 making Ordinance No. 2014-3010  
An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri, to establish a procedure to disclose potential  
conflicts of interest and substantial interests for certain municipal officials*

Councilwoman Rentfro moved to approve the second and final reading of Bill No. 2014-3010 this will now be known as Ordinance No. 2014-3010. Chairman Pro Tem Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Marks, Ramirez, Barton, Henderson, Rentfro

NAYES: 0

*C. Second and Final Reading of Bill No. 2014-3011 making Ordinance No. 2014-3011  
An Ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute a State Block Agreement between the City of  
Aurora, Missouri and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission on Airport  
Project 13-091B-3*

Councilwoman Henderson moved to approve the second and final reading of Bill No. 2014-3011 this will now be known as Ordinance No. 2014-3011. Chairman Pro Tem Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Ramirez, Marks, Henderson, Barton, Rentfro

NAYES:

### **IX NEW BUSINESS**

*A. Request/Approval from Empire District Electric for a fire hydrant at Braum's, 3030 S. Elliott*

Councilwoman Rentfro moved to approve the request from Empire District Electric for a fire hydrant to be installed at 3030 S. Elliott. Chairman Pro Tem Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Henderson, Barton, Marks, Rentfro, Ramirez

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NAYES: 0

B. *Request/Approval from Empire District Electric for a fire hydrant a Briggs/Fulp area, 3100 S. Elliott*

Councilwoman Henderson moved to approve the request from Empire District Electric for a fire hydrant to be installed at 3100 S. Elliott. Chairman Pro Tem Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Henderson, Barton, Marks, Rentfro, Ramirez

NAYES: 0

C. *Request/Approval for a street light change at 1674 Porter from a 175W MV to a 150W HPS*

Chairman Pro Tem Barton moved to approve the request from Empire District Electric to change out the street light at 1674 Porter from a 175W MV to a 150W HPS. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Ramirez, Marks, Rentfro, Henderson, Barton

NAYES: 0

D. *Discussion/Approval for City Clerk to issue a letter to the Missouri Department of Revenue granting Bootleggers a liquor license*

The new owners of Bootleggers want to apply for a liquor license from the state. In order for them to proceed they need a letter from the city stating the city will extend a license to them. The City Clerk asked council to authorize the letter as the business is located within 100 ft. of a church. The church has issued a letter stating they are not objectionable to the business having a liquor license.

Councilwoman Henderson made the motion to authorize the city clerk to go ahead and write the letter of approval for Bootleggers to get a liquor license. Chairman Pro Tem Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Marks, Rentfro, Barton, Henderson, Ramirez

NAYES: 0

E. *Consideration of Planning and Zonings recommendation to deny the special use permit for a Transitional Living Facility at 112 S. Madison*

Planning and Zoning recommended to deny the Special Use Permit for the Transitional Living Facility to be located at 112 S. Madison during their meeting on August 5, 2014.

Councilwoman Rentfro moved to deny the Special Use Permit for the Transitional Living Facility. Mayor Marks seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Marks, Ramirez, Barton, Henderson, Rentfro

NAYES: 0

F. *Approve Planning and Zoning recommendation for placement of a new street light at 1207 Oak Ridge*

Chairman Pro Tem Barton moved to approve the request to install a new street light at 1207 Oak Ridge. Councilwoman Rentfro seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with the following council members voting aye:

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AYES: Henderson, Rentfro, Barton, Ramirez, Marks  
NAYES: 0

G. *Consider Park Board Request to use City Staff to install a curbed sidewalk on the North side of Oak Park.*

The board spoke with MoDot and asked to install curbed sidewalk around the south side of the park when they are doing their sidewalk renovations through town. MoDOT approved the request. The board will have to contribute \$1,000 to have the sidewalks curbed. They are requesting this to keep people from driving over the sidewalk. Money will come from the Dyer Fund to do this project.

Councilman Ramirez moved to approve the park board's request to use city staff to install a curbed sidewalk on the North side of Oak Park as time allows.

Chairman Pro Tem Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with the following council members voting aye on the motion:

AYES: Barton, Marks, Henderson, Ramirez, Rentfro  
NAYES: 0

H. *Consider Park Board Request to use City staff to install the concrete barriers around the large playground in Oak Park and to move the plastic barriers to Baldwin Park prior to the concert*

It was noted that the barrier was originally paid for with Dyer Funds. The park board will have to refund the amount that was used to purchase the barrier back to the Dyer Fund. Presently there is nothing under the playground equipment at Baldwin Park. Chairman Pro Tem Barton suggested pouring a concrete barrier around the playground in Baldwin Park rather than removing the barrier in Oak Park. She thought it would be much simpler. Councilman Ramirez thought due to the visibility of Oak Park it would be better to have concrete around the playground.

Councilman Ramirez moved to approve the park board's request to use city staff to install a concrete barrier around the large playground in Oak Park and to move the plastic barriers to Baldwin Park prior to the concert. Chairman Pro Tem Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1 with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Henderson, Barton, Ramirez, Marks  
NAYES: Rentfro

I. *Request/ Approval from Empire District Electric to remove a 175W MV light at 5 Park Terrace*

Chairman Pro Tem Barton moved to approve the request from Empire District Electric to remove the street light at 5 Park Terrace. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with the following council members voting aye on the motion:

AYES: Henderson, Barton, Rentfro, Ramirez, Marks  
NAYES: 0

J. *Resolution No. 2014-1355  
A Resolution of the City of Aurora, Missouri, authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Humana for the renewal of employee benefits for health/ dental/ life*

Chairman Pro Tem Barton moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-1355 awarding the contract for employee benefits to Humana for Option No. 1. Councilwoman

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Rentfro seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Marks, Ramirez, Henderson, Rentfro, Barton

NAYES: 0

K. *Consider Park Board request to use City Staff to build a basketball court in Oak Park*  
Bids were let on the construction of a new basketball court for Oak Park twice with no bids being received on either bid letting. The park board requested council to allow city staff to construct the court when they have some down time.

Chairman Pro Tem Barton made the motion to approve the request from the park board to allow city staff to construct the new basketball court in Oak Park. Councilwoman Rentfro seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Ramirez, Rentfro, Marks, Henderson, Barton

NAYES: 0

### X. **REPORTS**

#### A. *Board Liaison Reports*

##### Park Board

- Ground breaking ceremony for the trail was last Monday.
- Construction was supposed to have started on Monday. The contractor will have 90 days to complete the project.
- Painting is done on the tennis courts.
- Signs will be placed around the tennis with rules & regulations posted
- The park board is looking at putting a pavilion between tennis courts when doing the walking trail.
- Volleyball Court is being used.

#### B. *City Attorney Report*

None

#### C. *City Manager Report*

City Manager Randall reported on the following items:

- Employees will appreciate councils choice for insurance benefits
- Street crews have finished repairs on the Airport Hanager
- Public Works has reacquired an employee that previously left the cities employment. (Naylor)
- The Police Department is now fully staffed.

### XI. **CLOSED SESSION pursuant to 610.021 (2), (3)**

*Leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefor.*

*Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded.*

Chairman Pro Tem Barton moved to go into Closed Session. Time noted 7:55 p.m. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 by a roll call vote with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Marks, Rentfro, Henderson, Barton, Ramirez

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NAYES: 0

Chairman Pro Tem Barton moved to come into Open Session. Time noted 8:45 p.m.  
Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 by a roll call vote  
with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Marks, Rentfro, Henderson, Barton, Ramirez

NAYES: 0

***XII. ADJOURNMENT***

Councilwoman Rentfro moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:46 p.m.  
Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed with all members voting  
aye.

**APPROVED:**

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David L. Marks, mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Kathie Needham, City Clerk, MMC/MPCC